

M'LISS DISCUSSES SUBJECTS OF IDEAL ETIQUETTE SCHOOL

It should Prepare Us to Emerge Gracefully From Embarrassing Situations That Books Take No Account Of

THERE are some things, we are told, that one cannot learn at school. They must be taught us at our mother's knee or by that most merciless of all teachers—experience.

But more and more the colleges are usurping the teaching of these subjects. Only a little while ago Goucher College announced a course in love and marriage for its seniors, and now comes the New York University with a school of etiquette.

What a mission a school of etiquette could fill, were it conducted on the right lines! How many embarrassing situations could be avoided, how many painful moments obviated! The mistake such a school will probably make, however, will be in expounding the formal principles that the veriest anarchist is familiar with in this day of grace.

Its purpose should be not to tell a man the ethics of his spoon in relation to a full cup of coffee, or his knife to recalcitrant peas, but to guide him safely through execrable situations for which the etiquette books leave him entirely unprepared.

It was Catherine of Russia, I believe, who, in sending out her dinner invitations, inclosed a warning to the women that they would not be tolerated if they wiped their mouths on the tablecloth, nor would the noblemen be received again if they struck their wives at table.

This was practical etiquette. But where is the school that will tell us how to behave after having slipped on the ice or a banana peel; how to turn confusion into poise and aplomb.

What to say after having thanked a person for an anonymous gift, which, it developed later, he didn't give us.

How to emerge triumphant from a situation like this: A young man has been forbidden tobacco by his physicians. He meets a young woman with whom he is immediately smitten. She smokes, and presses cigarettes upon him. If he yields he will doubtless bring on a smoke attack—the undesirable kind. If he doesn't, she'll think him a ninny. What is the answer?

How to behave when the young woman hanging to a strap and swaying heavily above you drops unintentionally a soft custard pie on your shirt front. Of course, you know you ought to have got up and offered your seat long before the catastrophe happened, but that isn't the point. You didn't, and now you look like Humpty Dumpty after he fell from the wall.

How to gloss over the awkward pause that follows your husband's bland remark, "What are you kicking me under the table for, dear?" when you had a very definite reason for so kicking him.

If a school of etiquette could help us with such little problems as these, it would not have been established in vain. M'LISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'Liss—I never have any success washing and ironing ribbons. They always get stiff and are not usable. Can you tell me a good method?

HOUSEKEEPER

Never wash silk ribbon in water. Use gasoline, precious fluid nowadays, and be careful, for even friction can cause ignition. After the ribbon is clean, hang in the air after stretching them smooth. Then roll in a damp cloth and after an hour press with a warm—not hot—iron.

Dear M'Liss—A says that the President's daughter Jessie has only one child and B says she has two. Who is right? A. K.

B. Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre has two children.

Dear M'Liss—If a couple were married in church and no invitations were sent out, would it be proper to send announcements to the friends?

Friends of both bride and bridegroom would hear of the wedding and be at the church and many of those that witnessed the ceremony would receive the announcement, which does not seem altogether proper to me.

What say you? INQUISITIVE. Announcements are proper. Those friends of the bride and bridegroom who attend the wedding uninvited are guilty of a breach of etiquette which should not be recognized by you.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



CHILD'S FETCHING OUTFIT

TODAY'S illustration shows a rather elaborate dress for the youngster. It is made of open-colored chiffon over a foundation of net. Touches of taffeta are to be seen on the pointed cuffs, on suspender effect given to the blouse. The bands on the bouffant skirt are also of taffeta. The frill at the neck features Van Dyke points of net. Trims trim the suspender ends where they terminate in a sort of sash. Price, \$15. The same may be ordered in other colors. Sizes include 3 to 14 years. A drooping leghorn hat has for its trimming black velvet ribbon streamers and a wreath of natural colored roses. It also comes in other colors. Price, \$8. The names of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, Evening Ledger, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

SHOWING MADE BY 100 BACHELORS IN MARRIAGE ELIGIBILITY QUIZ

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

WHOSE business is it whether a man marries? If anybody's, it is the doctor's. Tabulation of the first random hundred bachelors over 30 shows fairly representative conditions, as follows: Twenty-two of them are afflicted with a communicable disease. Thirty-five of them are given to alcoholic indulgence. While a drinking man may now and then remain virtuous in his living, the presumption is that he will not do so, because alcohol dissolves off the veneer of self-restraint and releases a man's primitive impulses, removes his ordinarily cautious judgment and leads him to excesses he would never commit in a perfectly sober moment. Nor must a man become frankly intoxicated to lose his self-control; it only takes a social glass or two to cut through the veneer. So these 35 occasional drinkers are to be classed as undesirable husbands. We will leave them to their self lives.

The remaining 43 bachelors size up like this: Eighteen of them are courting girls, have been courting the girls for from two to 20 years, and are extraordinarily familiar terms with the class of girls who seem to enjoy being insulted by familiarities of young men in public. They don't want to marry, and the girls who patronize public dances, theatres and such places without responsible escort. In short, these 25 bachelors have no incentive to marriage. So far, they find "variety the spice of life," and it will be quite a while yet before they discover that too much spice spoils the joy of living. It was Bachelor Number Thirteen, in the above list, an eligible man, and a really desirable sort of man, who gave the only worthy excuse for his single condition. Here is what he said: "My girl is beyond my reach. She earns \$16 a week, and dresses like \$6. Took her and her mother out the other night. The mother wanted to take in a plain two-bit show, but Inez was strong for a \$2 show, and we blew six bones for the show Inez wanted. I tell you, with my little \$40 income I can't finance the proposition."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

College Man Would Try Foxy

Please tell me what doses of asafetida one should take for nervousness. I am a student, aged 21. Answer—The dose of asafetida is five to ten grains. One pill (five grains) of asafetida three or four times a day won't hurt you, at any rate.

Hair of the Dog

One of your articles alluded to the influence of certain animal emanations upon persons subject to spasmodic or bronchial asthma. I never have an attack unless I visit my husband's mother's home, where there are two dogs. Sometimes I am in the house only a few minutes when the attack comes on. The house is but a few miles from our home. Do you think it possible that the attack is in my case produced by inhaling dog or emanations from the bodies of these dogs?

Answer. Very likely. Some individuals suffer an attack if they ride after a horse or enter a stable. Others suffer if a cat enters the room. Many victims have attacks if they eat certain proteins—certain foods like shellfish, eggs, cheese. In other cases, the foreign protein is produced within the body in some hidden or neglected septic focus by bacteria. In any case, the problem is, find the protein to which the patient is sensitive, and immunize the patient against that protein by a prolonged series of minute injections—a hair of the dog that bites you.

This principle works successfully in many cases of hay fever, when the particular pollen can be identified.

Gift Suggestions

Decorated flower pots, or bowls of Bohemian glass in brilliant reds, blues, greens and purples. Pearl-handled fruit knives. Boudoir clocks, featuring flowers and bouquets in French tints. The shades made to hang on the wall opposite the bed. Wicker plant boxes, self-irrigating. The shade to be placed in the sun parlor or boudoir. Lamp of wicker and silk shade to match. Sets of fine carving utensils. Floor cushions of heavy colored and oriental silks. Oval tubular and square models, tinted to silk colors. Japanese prints in lacquered frames.

Summer Frocks

White batiste or muslin is combined with pastel tinted silks on many of the summer dance frocks.

Wander Thirst

Beyond the east the sunrise, beyond the west the sea, And in the west a wander thirst that will not let me be. It would be like rare old wine, to bid me say good-by: For the sea and the stars and oh, the call of the sky!

I care not where the white road runs, nor what the blue hills are, For I know I have the sun for friend, And for my guide a star, And there's no stop of voyaging when once the voice is heard, For the river calls and the road calls, and oh, the call of a bird!

Yonder the long horizon lies, and there by night and day The old ships draw to home again, the young ships sail away, And some I miss, but so I must, and if any ask you why, You can put the blame on the stars and the sun and the white road and the sky. GERALD GOULD.

Marion Harland's Corner

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Permits of mailing in aid in the charitable work of the U. S. C. should write Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for addresses. Those they should write Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for addresses. Those they should write Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for addresses.

I enclose a few stamps to help the Corner. I came here three years ago and have few intimate acquaintances. The Corner is like a visit from an old friend. It brings me lots of cheer. Long may it live. M. E. H.

The budget of stamps was most welcome. While I record with gratification that an increasingly large number of correspondents who expect to be answered by mail recollect to inclose the bit of pink paper that makes, if not all things easy, the labors of editor more comfortable, it is nevertheless true that every one of your stamps went to cover the deficiencies of forgetful querists. I am glad the Corner softens somewhat the malaise of strangerhood.

Magazines to Give Away

I have quite a number of magazines to give away, all of fine quality. If any of the readers will send for them, I shall be glad to let them have them. A. L.

Your offer and address are gratefully received. The number of magazines will be diminished speedily. The demand for really good literature never slackens.

For Little Church

"Dear Mr. C.: The Bible came this morning. It is in good condition and will make a fine Bible for our little church. Shall I inform Marion Harland's?" "E. J. A."

The note is inclosed to me in another, the familiar characters of which send a thrill of pleasure to the heart of the Corner. The acknowledgment of the receipt of the Bible is from the wife of a clergyman who is doing fine mission work. The Corner had the great honor and delight of a while ago of securing an organ for the same mission. It is to this that our trusty and highly esteemed colleague alludes in his brief epistle.

You will be pleased to note that the Bible has followed the organ to the little church mission. What a lot of people will be made happy among them! Your Englishman, WM. C.

Who finds his chiefest joy in lending a strong, warm, loving hand to all who need his services, and who may be reached by that same "hand" May it long abide in strength.

Asks for Abdominal Bandage

"I have received help from your Corner before, but venture to ask again, for I need an abdominal bandage, size 38. I will gladly do some service in exchange, such as clearing or caring for children, if the mother wants to go out. I hope you will not overlook this, as I have no other means of getting a supporter. I shall appreciate what you do for me. MRS. J. C."

If we can get the supporter for you, we ask no return except to learn that it has helped a good, brave woman to fight the battle of life with less discomfort than she were not able to secure this appliance. We are looking anxiously for a reply to your modest request. As soon as we receive one you shall be notified.

For Music Lovers

"I have one music book for the organ, two for beginners on the piano, and five for beginners, also for advanced, on mandolin, which any one may have who will pay postage. All are almost new. Kindly hold the treasures until our host of music lovers can read your generous proposal. We register it with deep thankfulness. It answers sundry communications already in hand. Let us know when the portfolios are emptied. J. A. E."

Bible for Country Church

"I answered Miss B., sending her the name of a pastor of a country church, a few miles away, whose building was burned. They will gladly accept the Bible. To Mrs. S. I write, gratefully accepting your offer. I should like to write more, but I feel I have already trespassed upon your valuable time. May God bless the good work of the Corner! M. E. J."

Do not hesitate to write at length when you have such subject matter in your mind! It is one of the sweetest rewards to be assured that the work done by our informal "circulating library" is going forward and accomplishing what we would have it do. Your report is like a generous cordial to a weary toiler.

New Fruit Cup

A very nice chilled fruit cup for the informal luncheon is made of oranges with mint leaves. Separate the oranges into sections, peel and cut them up as for sliced oranges. Cover these with a dressing of olive oil, lemon juice and mint leaves, finely chopped up. Leave standing in the ice chest for an hour, then serve. Place in individual fruit cups and garnish with green maraschino cherries.

GOOD FORM

Good form queries should be addressed to Deborah Rush, written on one side of the paper and signed with full name and address, though initials ONLY will be published upon request. These columns will appear every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday's Evening Ledger this week.

With the coming of a gift season an incident cited here leads to a little talk on the subject of giving, though the incident has nothing to do with gifts on various occasions, such as Easter, for the occasion generally furnishes the excuse. But I would like to promulgate giving, which is a form of quite impossible taste and places the recipient in a most awkward position.

Of course it is a splendid thing to be generous, but there are times when generosity goes too far. I have met persons in whose presence one would not dare to mention a liking for promiscuous giving, which is a form of quite impossible taste and places the recipient in a most awkward position.

It is not only embarrassing but it is excessively bad form. The incident of which I am thinking was this: A woman who had great means and also a desire to be always giving knew another woman in the same town for whom she conceived a great liking. The mother of the latter was about to pay her a visit and shortly after she had arrived a number of packages were handed in at the door, addressed to her. On being opened they proved to be all sorts of presents, work and some quite personal things, and from the afore-said woman whom the mother had not even met yet. It was in such execrable taste, that the mother was so shocked, and, in fact, annoyed. If the kind-hearted woman who sent the gifts had only known what a mistake she made, but she was happy in thinking she was giving pleasure to others. A few flowers sent to her friend's mother would have been a very gracious thing to do and not in the least a violation of good form. It is the knowledge, the savoir faire, so to speak, of these very things which distinguishes the cultured person from the uncultured.

A Legal Query Dear Deborah Rush—Will you kindly give me the name and address of a good, reliable patent lawyer in Philadelphia, also if it would be possible for me to consult one on some Saturday afternoon, and oblige an old reader? H. C.

An legal queries do not come under the good form column. I have referred your letter to our "What Do You Know" column, which is run on the editorial page.

Send Man an Easter Card

Dear Deborah Rush—I read your column every time it is in the paper. It is great. I think I will do it every day. Would it be all right for me to send a man an Easter card or postcard? Do you think it would be bad form to do so? And would he be likely to think I wanted something from him? J. A. E.

I can see nothing sentimental in sending an Easter card to a man, and so do not see how he could sensibly misconstrue your intention. It is not bad form to send one, unless you have very slight acquaintance with him, as in that case he might think you wanted to attract his attention.

From Paris

Waistcoat blouses are favored by the leading Paris designers, hence are destined for the American woman in a very short time. They are made somewhat like the Russian blouse, which is so fashionable just now.

Only the waist is made in a colored fabric style, with sleeves and collarette in white goods, or in some shade contrasting with the jumper. One style features a pale blue taffeta jumper, with sleeves of white chiffon. Another is of coral-tinted fabric, with deep-colored silk net. These blouses are very chic, indeed, with the dressy suit. They are promised for fall wear in velvets, brocades, heavy silks and satins.

New Collar Line

The lamphade collar is just what it sounds like—a round, plaited arrangement exactly like a lamphade, and laid across the front and back of the bodice in a new line. The shoulders are partly bare, and framed in a high, upstanding ruche of silk or organdie, and very becoming to some types of women. A ruching below the band which surrounds the top of the blouse corresponds to the one over the shoulders.

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MAKING THE LAWN

By JOHN BARTRAM

Lawns may be made either by seeding or sodding. The gain of time in laying turf is really very slight, and the results are not so good as when the lawn is seeded. Soda separate in dry weather and the grasses are usually coarse and hardly ever uniform.

The lawn should be carefully made in the beginning. A carefully made lawn "grows" out in a plot \$6 by 29 or 30 feet (cost \$1.75 per ton).

Careful preparation is necessary for permanent results. The soil should be thoroughly pulverized to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. If there is a stiff subsoil this should be broken, but not brought to the surface. In the case of an extensive lawn it will pay to employ a steam roller and harrowed. The soil should be spaded thoroughly and raked fine, and to a uniform surface. Breakage of the subsoil insures underdrainage, so that surface and rain water will run through the top soil, keeping the roots moistened but preventing both saturation and drying out. The depth indicated insures deep rooting, so that the fibrous undergrowth will be less susceptible to frost or heat in summer or freezing in winter.

The soil should be thoroughly enriched before planting. If the lawn has been prepared by the builders about a new house, be sure the ground is dug over and plenty of fertilizer dug in. More is better than not, the earth from excavations has been spread as top soil, and it is time wasted to attempt to build a lawn on this surface. If it is in a plot \$6 by 29 or 30 feet (cost \$1.75 per ton).

What is known as a "load" of manure, the contents of a tall cart, should be spread over each 1000 square feet of surface before planting or sodding and should be incorporated to the depth stated. The price per load is \$1 to \$1.25. A well-known horticulturist advises 10 to 20 tons per acre in building a new lawn. The lower figure I think enough for any average soil. This would mean, for a smaller plot one ton for one-tenth of an acre, or approximately 434 square feet. For easy reckoning, calculate two pounds to a square foot of your space.

This manure for spring use in a new lawn must be completely rotted. It should be six months old. The larger quantity (20 tons per acre) would be proper to spread in fall and cover over in the spring in the case of a new lawn.

A supplementary dressing of rough ground horse manure should also be used at the rate of one ton per acre, or 20 pounds for a space 434 square feet.

Stable manure is likely to contain many weed seeds, and some persons object to it on this account. They can use powdered sheep manure in the proportions here prescribed for horse manure and used in conjunction with it.

One-quarter to one-half the quantities prescribed can be used as fall or early spring dressings for lawns already in grass, to replenish exhausted nutrients. An application of hardwood ashes is beneficial to lawns old or new, but sprinkle these very lightly. It is better to avoid barnyard manure on a lawn where there is a good stand of grass. A good compound fertilizer is made of equal proportions of bone meal, guano, manure and wood ashes. This should be applied in such wise as to give the lawn a light grayish appearance. This can be put on either before the grass begins to appear or a couple of weeks later. After a rain when the ground is no longer soggy, roll the dressing in.

The stimulation of the grass gives it a spreading, forthrightly intervals by April and May, of nitrate of soda, one ounce to the square yard dissolved in a quart of water. A recently new and very good fertilizer has been put on the market in the form of humus, or natural organic matter, prepared with other plant foods in accessible form. This has the advantage of not requiring smothering or over-feeding the growing. Many persons, however, prefer the older way of making or freshening a lawn.

One of the most important things has been said in this connection. The instructions should be read carefully on the subject of dressing a lawn.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Tools for Small Garden

Friend John Bartram(1) Will you please be good enough to tell me the tools that I will have to buy in order to work a small garden? I do not want to have to spend any more money than I can help. I want an adequate equipment. (2) Also what is good "limber up" a rusty lawn mower. AMATEUR.

(1) Spade, 80 cents to \$1; hoe, 25 cents to 50 cents; rake (not a grass rake) 50 cents; lawn mower, 10 to 15 dollars; wheelbarrow, 10 to 15 dollars. If the garden is as big as 60 by 50 feet, according to your calculation, it is better to get a larger cultivator, \$13 to \$17, according to your calculation. It will reduce labor of weeding and watering one each day, so the entire expense will be soaked once a week, to a depth of at least a foot.

Small Vegetable Gardens

FRUITFUL L. C. R. and AMATEUR—There will be several articles on small vegetable gardens in the next fortnight. These will solve your problems.

Beets

BEETS—Elliott and Crosby's Egyptian are the best. A 10-cent packet should be enough for a family of three. Plant one-third at a time at three-week intervals. The roots may be used for soup as greens. They are delicious. By doing this you can reduce the quantity of so many of the beets as you want to.

Dogwood and Mock Orange

Friend John Bartram—I have been advised to plant cormus and Philadelphia dogwood in my new suburban home. Shall I order in this way? It is always best to order by the address. The popular names of the shrubs are given above.

Late Cabbage

L. N. T.—It will be all right to plant late cabbage in the cold frames now and even later. Late flat Dutch, Danish Ballhead and Copenhagen Marston are all good strains. You had better wait till the summer sun put their cabbage plants in the garden. Early Jersey Wakefield is a good sort, always ready to grow. American Drumhead is a sure header of delicious flavor, almost as good as cauliflower.

Pot-grown Roses: Planting

HAMPDEN—By no means shake off the earth from the roots of pot-grown roses. This is the best way to plant them. Dig a good hole three inches deep. Dig a good hole three inches deep. Dig a good hole three inches deep.

Sweet Peas Again

FRANK—It is not quite too late to plant sweet peas in the garden now. They will be ready to grow in the garden now.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I couldn't get new Easter clothes, My bank account stopped short of that. But my, that doesn't worry me—Just gaze upon this Easter hat!



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